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MEMORANDUM DM 10-04

TO: All Mine Operators

FROM: _____
Frank A. Linkous, Chief

DATE: June 7, 2010

SUBJECT: Virginia Acts of Assembly 2010 Session 45.1-161.39. Surface Foreman Certification

Enclosed you will find a copy of Senate Bill 561 which addresses the changes to surface foreman certification standards taking effect on July 1, 2010. Section 45.1-161.39.B. requires that all surface foremen newly certified after July 1, 2010, must also hold a current advanced first aid certification or current higher level of emergency medical certification from the Virginia Department of Health. The new applications for surface foreman certification will not be issued until the advanced first aid or higher level of emergency medical certification becomes valid.

Section 45.1-161.39.C. provides that all holders of a valid surface foreman certification prior to July 1, 2010, must complete by December 31, 2011, at a minimum, a 24 hour course in advanced first aid taught by a certified advanced first aid instructor or hold a current higher level of emergency medical certification from the Virginia Department of Health.

Surface foremen holding certification prior to July 1, 2010, need only provide verification of approved advanced first aid training, including practical stations, in order to comply with this new standard. Examination fees will not be imposed through December 31, 2011. Failure to comply with the advanced first aid standards will result in temporary suspensions of surface foreman certifications.

Should you have any questions concerning this change in surface foreman certification standards, please contact Mary S. Gibson, Board Administrator, at 276-523-8234.

Attachment